Rs. 1.00 crore for Savings linked Housing Scheme has been made in this Ministry's budget for these two schemes.

(c) Project proposal for setting up of a new Sattellite township near Shillong was received from Govt. of Meghalaya and the project has been recommended by this Ministry to Deptt. of Economic Affairs for seeking financial assistance from OECF (Japan) during the year 1998-99.

Limited departmental competitive Examination in CPWD

285. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 50% of vacancies of Assistant Engineers in C.P.W.D. are filled up through "Limited Departmental Competitive Examination" (L.D.C.E.) from among the Junior Engineers, having minimum four years service;

(b) if so, the number of vacancies at present in the post of Assistant Engineer, both Civil and Electrical, from exam quota;

(c) what are the reasons for not conducting L.D.C.E. after 1992, though a large number of vacancies are existing there; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to fill up all the above said vacancies, by conducting a L.D.C.E. this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The number of vacancies falling to the Quota for Limited Departmental Competitive Examination are 364 of Assistant Engineer (Civil) and 62 of Assistant Engineer (Elect.). A requisition has been sent to the UPSC on 15.7.97 for holding the examination for filling up all these vacancies.

The examination has not been conducted by the UPSC since 1992 as the Commission had advised amendment of recruitment rules of the post of Assistant Engineer before holding the next examination. The amendments to recruitment rules have since been finalised and notified on 21.6.97.

Vacancies of Engineers in C.P.W.D.

286. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present actual strength of regular and adhoc Assistant Engineers, Executive Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Chief Engineers and A.D.Gs. both Civil and Electrical in C.P.W.D.;

(b) the details of the vacancies in each of the above said posts, in Civil and Electrical, separately;

(c) by when C.P.W.D. authorities would fill up all those vacancies and regularise all the adhoc Executive Engineers, giving details of the scheme, if any; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to stop adhoc promotions against a long term vacancies in the C.P.W.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The information is given in the statement enclosed (*see below*).

(c) The cases for regular promotion, including regularisation of adhoc promotions are at different stages of processing. No time frame for completion of the process of regularisation can be indicated as it involves other organisations/agencies like UPSC and A.C.C. in case of posts falling within the purview of the A.C.C. The regularisation of adhoc promotions in the grade of Executive Engineers is proposed to be done by diversion of backlog of unfilled vacancies in the quota of Assistant Executive Engineers, in favour of Assistant Engineers.